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Soda contract to change

BY CAMMIE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

MSUM students can almost taste the university's attempts to cut costs, literally. Student Senate is investigating reports that MSUM could gain \$500,000 per year by changing the current number of contracts the university has with beverage companies.

MSUM has contracts with both Pepsi and Coke, meaning that both companies are allowed to sell their prod-

ucts in the same buildings, at the same athletic events and in the same campus eating halls. Because both beverage options are offered throughout MSUM, beverage companies only pay for partial rights to the campus.

"By striking one contract with only one company, we can earn more money because that company would have almost exclusive rights to sell on campus, including residence halls," said Julian

Dahlquist, chair of the tuition and fees oversight committee on student senate.

Dahlquist says that one location on campus would sell beverages outside of the contract, most likely the Etcetera shop in the CMU or The Dragon Stop next to the bookstore.

All other distribution points would be under contract with only one of the beverage companies, meaning only Pepsi or Coke would be available in

dorms, at Kise and at athletic events.

The potential loss of variety leaves a bad taste in some students' mouths.

"Most people are pretty opinionated on which brand of pop they prefer," MSUM senior Amber Heinze said. "I know that I would be upset if I could only get Pepsi products in one place on campus. It would be such an inconvenience."

Student Senate plans to cir-

culate a poll regarding students' opinions on the issue. Dahlquist says that student input will likely determine the contract situation.

"The voice of the students will ultimately formulate our decision," Dahlquist said. "Historically, students have preferred variety."

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Beating on campus

MICHAEL SMITH
Assistant Editor

Around 2:43 a.m. on Friday an 18-year-old non-MSUM student confronted his ex-girlfriend outside Nelson Hall.

The female was with a group of friends who started fighting with the ex-boyfriend causing serious injuries.

"He came into the campus security building with blood on his face," Campus Security Director Michael Parks said.

Police and an ambulance were called to the campus security building and he was taken to a local hospital.

The ex-boyfriend had previous incidents on campus and was banned from the premises by security prior to

this incident, Parks said.

A campus-wide security e-mail from Parks read: "I want to take this time to remind the campus community that incidents such as this are rare, and to know that this incident was not a random act of violence and to our knowledge there is no reason to believe that any future incidents will involve these individuals."

No names are currently being released and the police are still investigating. If you have any information about this incident you are asked to call campus security at 218.477.5869.

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LAUREN TAUTE / ADVOCATE

Student Senate is investigating the option to switch the school's contract with a beverage company. A large amount of money would be saved if MSUM had a contract with either Coke or Pepsi, not both.

Athletic department hires assistant athletic director

MICHAEL SMITH
Assistant Editor

After 40 years on the job, Larry "Scotty" Scott has decided to take an early retirement package and step away from his long-time post as MSUM's sports information director.

Scott was officially done July 1st, but stuck around to get things in order for the next year and for whoever would be taking his spot. The Dragons not only replaced Scott, but they reshaped the position and renamed it Assistant Athletic Director for Media and Public Relations.

NaDean Schroeder accepted the position in late August after a rather quick hiring

process.

"I was bored one day and checked the NCAA web site and saw the posting on a Saturday. I fixed my resume on Sunday, applied on Monday and was called Tuesday for my first phone interview," Schroeder said. "The week after, I came up here and interviewed with the coaches and the rest of the staff. I just fell in love with the idea of what we want to build, and recreating tradition."

Growing up in Maple Lake, Minn., Schroeder attended Maple Lake High School where her father was the athletic director.

She was a three-sport athlete participating in basket-

ball, softball and volleyball. She dropped volleyball later in her high school career and became a football cheerleader.

Schroeder went to the University of North Dakota for her undergraduate studies.

Originally studying meteorology, she ended up receiving a bachelor's degree in communications with an emphasis in visual display and design.

After completing the curriculum at UND, she went to St. Cloud University in St. Cloud, Minn., where she worked in the athletic department as a graduate student, while completing a master's in sports management.

The last two years Schroeder

has been the assistant sports information director at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Many changes are on tap for the athletic departments.

"I think it will be fine. I'm sure that some things will be done a lot better," Scott said. "NaDean is certainly more skilled with the technology. You'll see things done better graphically, with a more appealing look to our athletic face."

MSUM also has made strides with its athletic Web site.

"My goal is just doing more communication through the internet and through the means

ATHLETICS, BACK PAGE



ABBY PAUL / THE ADVOCATE

NaDean Schroeder, (left) will be replacing Larry "Scotty" Scott (middle), who is retiring from sports information after 40 years.

Eurospring photos to be displayed

A photo exhibit called “Eurospring 2009: Scenes Along the Journey,” will be featured in the circulation lobby of the library. Students and staff are welcome to see the display now through Oct. 15.

Intelligent design lecture

On Sept. 23, Campus Free-thought Alliance is hosting Dr. P.Z. Myers who will be presenting “Design and Darwin: Why Complexity is No Friend of Intelligent Design.” The event will take place at 6 p.m. in Science Lab 118 and is free and open to the public. Myers is a biology professor at the University of Minnesota Morris and the author of the popular science blog “Pharyngula.” He is a public critic of intelligent design and is an activist in the American creation-evolution debate. In 2009 Myers was named

Advocate meetings 4 p.m. Mondays in CMU 110

The Advocate would like to invite any interested students to its weekly meetings in The Advocate office. Pick up an application today and apply to be a sports writer, staff writer, cartoonist or photographer. Photographers meetings are at 4:30 p.m.

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“If Josey was the last person on earth... I would do him.”

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the American Humanist Association’s “Humanist of the Year.”

Scholarship available for Oxford study

The Rhodes Scholarship is being offered to eligible students for support in post-graduate studies at Oxford University in England. The scholarship provides tuition and living expenses during the period of study in Oxford. Applicants must be 24 years old or under to be considered and be a U.S. citizen in their last year of undergraduate studies. Applications must be submitted online by Oct. 5. For further information and application materials, go to www.rhodesscholar.org or contact Jill Holsen, Flora Frick 153.

Prepare floats for homecoming

The homecoming parade is Sept. 18, and students are encouraged to make floats to be featured in the parade. Registration is available online at www.dragonhomecoming.com.

Hypnotist brings comedy skit

Frederick Winters, a comedy hypnotist, is coming to MSUM at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in Hansen Theatre. The cost is \$3 with a student ID and \$5 without.

Friday night fun

Friday Nights in the Underground will continue its activities from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday. They will be offering games, crafts and more. Bring your student ID.

Public lecture

Dr. Allan Chapman from Oxford University will be speaking in the Science Lab on Sept. 23. He will present a lecture

called, “From Moon Men to Black Holes: How 400 Years of the Telescope Has Re-shaped Our Sense of Reality.” The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in SL 103, with refreshments to follow.

Live stats available

The Dragons athletics department is happy to announce the addition of live stats to the MSUM Web site. This tool will allow viewers and supporters to follow favorite sports with real-time in-game statistics. The live stats web browser will automatically update your screen with current, up-to-date game stats and play-by-play information. The sports that will have this feature immediately are football, volleyball and men’s and women’s basketball. To view live stats go to www.msumdragons.com and click on live stats under the Dragons Sports Media heading.

MnSCU employment opportunities


An updated listing of current Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ employment postings can be found at http://www.mnscu.edu/about/jobopportunities/searchResults.php?numResults=10.

Fargo-Moorhead community walk

The 2009 North Dakota “Out of the Darkness” community walk will take place on Sept. 27 at Lindenwood Park in Fargo. Registration is at 1 p.m. and the walk is at 2 p.m.

Student organization registration due

The annual student organization registration deadline is at 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Registration can be completed online at www.mnstate.edu/osa. Follow the link for



SECURITY UPDATE

Director of Campus Security Michael Parks

BY LESLIE WOOD
Features Editor

Stolen sign

There was a theft of an ROTC recruiting sign in a vehicle parked on campus at 4:55 p.m. on Sept. 7. Suspect apprehended by security and referred to judicial services and Moorhead Police Department.

On-campus accident

A vehicle accident occurred in L Lot at 8:51 a.m. on Sept. 9. A MSUM physical plant vehicle backed into another faculty member’s car. There was minor damage and no injuries.

Tennis theft

Theft of a bucket containing 100 tennis balls happened at 10:20 p.m. on Sept. 9. The bucket was stolen from a vehicle parked on 12th Street, close to campus.

Vehicle vandalism

Vandalism in N Lot took place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 10. The vehicle’s side mirror was damaged on passenger’s side. \$100 in damage accessed.

Cruising the campus mall

Student was driving on

campus mall at 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 10. This is the second occurrence in two weeks. A reminder to students that driving on the sidewalks is prohibited.

Assault of nonstudent

An assault at the entrance to D Lot occurred at 2:42 a.m. on Sept. 11. The non-student was assaulted and injured by a group of male students. The matter was referred to Moorhead Police Department and judicial affairs.

Banned student

Student was banned from Nelson Hall at 1:44 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Stolen laptop

A laptop was stolen in E Lot at 2:16 p.m. on Sept. 12. Student left his computer by a tree. He returned and it was gone.

False emergency

Male student activated Emergency Blue light in U Lot at 3:07 a.m. on Sept. 13 without the occurrence of an emergency. Student referred to judicial affairs.

Stolen bike

Bike was stolen in S Lot at 7:52 p.m. on Sept. 13.

annual student organization registration. All student organization officers and advisors must register by this deadline. For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 218.477.2790 or at osa@mnstate.edu.

Delta Zeta Sorority informal recruitment

Delta Zeta Sorority invites the women students of MSUM

to join them for events. Tie-dye shirts and check out the Delta Zeta House at 6 p.m. today. Then be a part of the MSUM homecoming parade and decorate the DZ float at 3 p.m. on Friday. Finally, learn about the Delta Zeta Philanthropy, the Painted Turtle Camp and paint your own crafty turtle at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. More events to follow. Meet under the sign in the CMU.

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9.18	4 p.m. Student Organization Online Registration Deadline 7 p.m. Volleyball at Bemidji State 9 p.m. Friday Nights in the UG, CMU Underground
9.19	1 p.m. Football at Bemidji State 1 p.m. Soccer, Upper Iowa U. at Fayette, Ill 4 p.m. Volleyball at Duluth 7:30 p.m. Boston Brass, Hansen Theatre
9.20	1 p.m. Soccer at Winona St. U
9.23	3:30 p.m. College Success Workshop: Financial Management, MA 171 8 p.m. Frederick Winters, Hypnotist, Hansen Theatre

Student helps younger sibling fight through tough ordeal

Leslie Wood
Features Editor

Hardships can appear in many forms. For Jessica Duncan, a sophomore history major, this hardship came in the form of her sister's accident.

On August 18, 2008, Duncan's sister Brynn, 8, was in a car accident with her grandmother in Fergus Falls, Minn. Brynn's grandmother blacked out, crossed the lanes of traffic and hit a tree head-on.

Brynn sustained injuries including a damaged kidney, a severed intestine, a bruised heart and a torn spinal cord.

The accident was not the only difficulty that Brynn had to endure. Her kidney, appendix and gallbladder were removed during surgery due to injuries caused by the seat-belt. Her dislocated backbone left her paralyzed from the waist down.

To help with costs, the Fargo-Moorhead community sold bracelets for Brynn at various schools.

A leadership class at MSUM also helped with Brynn's costs. A small group of students organized a fundraiser called "Pie your Professor," where students paid a dollar for a chance to throw a pie at each of the several professors who participated.

This summer, Duncan took care of her sister from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for five days of the week. She had previously worked as a nanny for her family in the

summer but this year it was more complicated.

"Every four hours I checked my sister's bladder, got her medicine, gave her shots, got her dressed and did basic care," Duncan said. Duncan also took care of her two other sisters, Morgan, 11, and Brooke, 10.

Brynn was able to participate in a few activities, including therapeutic horseback riding for an hour on Mondays and baseball on Tuesdays.

"My summer with my sister was unforgettable. We had our ups and downs, but we got to hang out all day," Duncan said.

One of the main difficulties the Duncan family had to overcome involved their house. The Duncan family had to sell their home in Moorhead for one that fit Brynn's wheelchair.

"The house we lived in before was too small and my sister couldn't use her wheelchair in the house," Duncan said. To create a better environment for Brynn, the family had to build a new house.

Construction and building supply companies volunteered their time and money for construction and payment of the house.

"A person from our church helped with the building of the house, and we moved into the new house last April," Duncan said. Her church played a large role in getting the house prepared for Brynn and all the sisters helped to make the transitions smoother.

One positive result of this



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jessica Duncan, back left, with her sister Brynn, center, and the whole family at Gillette Children's Hospital for Brynn's 8th birthday.

accident is the new law in Minnesota that requires children to use a booster seat until 8 years old as of July 1, 2009.

Jessica Duncan and her family have learned a great deal from this experience.

"My sister's accident has made us all closer and appreciate our lives more. We learned

how to adjust to the issues that have come up," Duncan said.

During the school year, Duncan will still be helping her sister, but will be focusing primarily on her schoolwork.

This summer's experience has been influential in Duncan's life.

"I have more passion to help out more and become more involved with organizations," Duncan said. "I learned just how quickly life can change and how grateful I am for life."

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Athletic decision causes unwanted attention for Fry

The recent news about freshman quarterback Zach Fry has lead to an uproar. He plead no contest to a misdemeanor fourth-degree assault stemming from a incident that occurred in January before Fry became a member of the football team.

If the charges brought against him are true, he should be thrown off of the football team. It not only makes our team look bad, but it also shows that athletics run our university.

Athletic scholarships are a privilege. If he withheld information until after he was signed to a scholarship, that funding should be taken away immediately.

"Innocent until proven guilty" is a phrase that our country lives by; in this case, he was found guilty and there is no way around that.

The athletic department has to look at the nature of the crime. Yes, the charge was downgraded to a misdemeanor, but it is still sexual conduct with an under-age girl against her will. Under no circumstances should an athlete, quarterback or not, be on a team with such a thing on his or her record.

The incident also caused a controversy that is much broader than whether Fry should play or not. It has caused us to question the ethics associated with a sports team's need for a player.

This issue is also being spotlighted in the community, and is dampening the image of MSUM. If we're willing to ignore such an intolerable conviction with the intent of gaining an athlete. That just shows that our priorities are being undermined.

Although we agree that second chances should be given, we must also take into account the nature of the crime in a school of young, and sometimes vulnerable, students.

If we allow Fry to remain on the team we're sending a message to the MSUM community that it is OK to mess up really badly and basically get away with it.

Is this the kind of mind set we want our students to think is acceptable?

Our athletes should be held to the same standards as all students, regardless of whether they hold the title of quarterback or not.

People need to be responsible for their actions.

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The Advocate encourages letters to the editor and your turn submissions. They should be typed and must include the writer's name, signature, address, phone number, year in school or occupation and any affiliations. Letters are due by 5 p.m.

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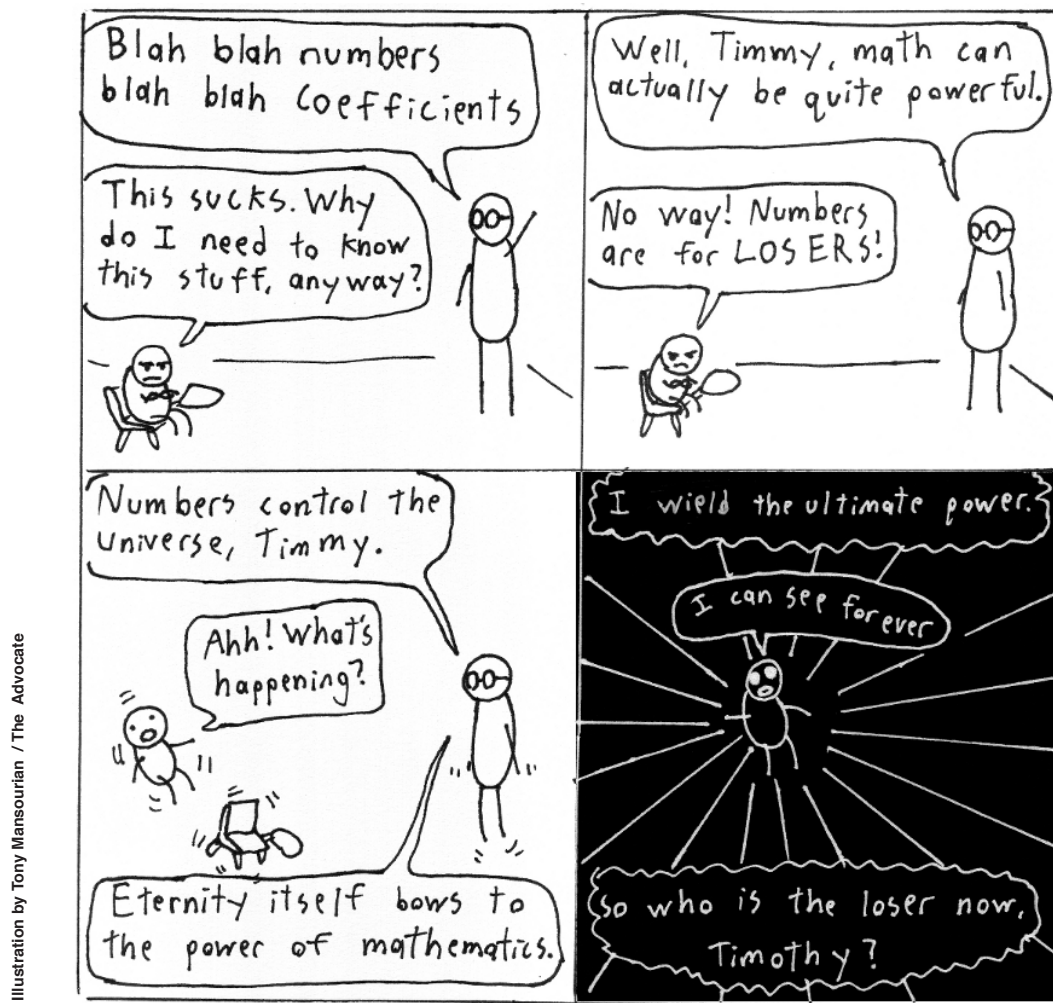


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Quarter...back?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a believer in second chances. Heaven knows I've needed a few. People make mistakes and there is nothing more beautiful to me than humanity's ability to forgive. So, before I begin, let me state this: I do not wish to pass further judgment on MSUM quarterback Zach Fry and I believe he is entitled to a second chance.

As reported in The Fargo Forum and Janesville (WISO) Gazette, the Dragon football team has decided to continue playing Fry as their starting quarterback after he was convicted of sexual assault. In a plea bargain, according the Gazette, Fry plead guilty to felony second-degree sexual assault and no contest to misdemeanor fourth-degree sexual assault. After reviewing the court documents, both MSUM Athletic Director Doug Peters and football coach Damon Tomeo have deemed Fry worthy of both his starting position and his athletic scholarship.

It is clear that according to the courts, Zach Fry has been punished adequately for his crimes. It is even more telling, if all the aspects in The Forum's article are true, the victim's family agrees that Fry has done what is necessary for his crime. It is very easy to pass harsh judgment on Fry because, quite frankly, the school, the athletics department and Fry have refused to divulge the full details of the case. A quick Google search for the articles pertaining to Fry's conviction bring up articles that honestly do not paint a good picture of our prized QB, and it is obvious that MSUM would rather move forward with as few questions as possible. Unfortunately, it is too late for that.

The scandal (and it is a scandal) surrounding Fry and MSUM Football's decision to play him have already raised many concerns. Some students see no problem with playing Fry as he has been punished by the legal system for his crime. Others are rightfully concerned that MSUM appears to have not taken ANY action

to discourage or punish Fry's behavior. I believe that Fry has served his punishment, as light as it seems, even though the judge in the case decided to withhold judgment on the felony count. I will not join the chorus of voices calling for his immediate expulsion from our school, but I will not support MSUM's decision to not take any disciplinary action on the matter.

Without a doubt, Fry has committed a crime and he has confessed to the crime. Coach Tomeo was correct in allowing the legal process to play out before taking any action; after all, a person is always innocent until proven guilty. Yet, the legal process has played out and Fry was found guilty. Fry was punished only for the fourth-degree sexual assault and, strangely, MSUM spokesman Doug Hamilton compared the crime to a minor in possession charge and MSUM decided not to take further disciplinary action. What message does this send to not only our alumni and students (current or potential), but also to our community?

If a student can get suspended or expelled for drug possession, or lose a scholarship for drinking beer in Dahl Hall, then Fry can rightly spend the season riding pine. Hell, I'll even provide a seat cushion for him. I cannot support the Athletic Department or MSUM in not taking any disciplinary action whatsoever. If anything, the students at MSUM deserve to know why their school and the Athletics Director have decided to risk the reputation we built with the Fargo-Moorhead community during last year's flood by letting Fry represent us on the football field this year. If MSUM will not honor the stated goal of "creating a positive image of the university through athletics," perhaps it's time for students to consider not attending football games.

ALLAN BRANSTITER
JUNIOR STUDENT

Talk to the Trainer

The Advocate teamed up with the Wellness Center to answer students' questions about wellness and fitness issues. Inquiries are published anonymously. Please send questions to Marissa.Parmer@parmer@mnstate.edu

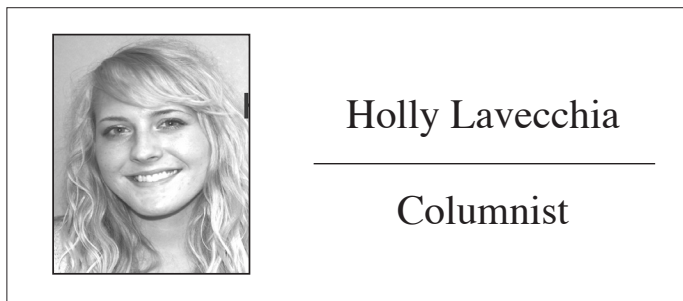
To the creepers and miscommunicators

Most of us blossom into adulthood with little or no traces of the awkwardness prominent in days gone by, such as the gradual revelation of deodorant and its value in society or the irrational fear triggered by a persistent absence of one's breasts and/or facial hair.

But some are still subconsciously clutch an irksome 8th grade quality or lack thereof – assertiveness.

I have this friend; let's call her Agatha. Agatha is smart, beautiful, creative and ever lovable, but for some reason she harbors an inability to express what she really thinks and feels.

For example, Agatha has an annoyingly endearing habit of using signals to alert



Holly Lavecchia

Columnist

others when she's tired and wants to go to bed. Say she's been hanging out with you for several hours and it's getting late, instead of communicating verbally that she'd really like you to go home, she will yawn excessively hoping you'll get the hint.

The dilemma with this is that it is simply too many steps to expect someone to make without some gentle guidance. Some people

(boys) are just not perceptive enough to translate yawning into tired into: "it'd be polite to make an exit now."

This trait is a particular hindrance regarding the simple act of telling a person of the opposite sex that you would like to spend an hour over coffee with them, rendering it an unfathomable idea.

Even worse though, it also is an intense problem should another human, specifically

of the opposite sex, show interest that is flattering but a) not mutual and b) ridiculously unwanted.

Such a thing happens to Agatha on what seems like a weekly basis. Someone will show up at her house with a flourish of flowers and a poetic proclamation of abiding affection. And you know what she does ... she changes the subject and then pretends it never happened.

If it seems as if I am describing you, listen up.

Firstly, you Agathas out there, tell that man kindly yet purposefully that although you may enjoy his company, his name will never appear anywhere near your relationship status. I promise, this will save you the anguish

of avoiding him and feeling guilty about it.

But perhaps you feel like you are sufficiently dropping overt hints that your interest is something more than platonic, and she's not getting it. Chances are, she is getting it, thinks it's obnoxious, and hopes if she ignores it, it'll just go away.

Should you actually work up the nerve to tell her out loud (good for you) and she is not blatantly and outwardly receptive to the information, sad face, it's not going to happen for you. This way at least you know for sure.

My point is, side step all the drama and use your words.

Lacking Assertiveness?
E-mail Lavecchia



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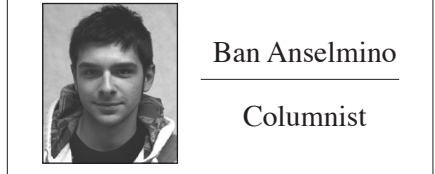
Students cause trauma, drama

You all know exactly who I'm talking about.

First day of class, you walk in and sit near the back hoping to God you can get away with sleeping at this angle, and who sits down next to you?

If it's a sociology class, it's probably the hipster chick with dreads that can't seem to figure out that class isn't only about her minute subculture. So much for naptime.

With enough off-topic comments to piss off Gandhi, looks like you'll be skipping class more than you had planned. Maybe you'll be safer in an upper level class: those that keep out the weirdos. Don't forget to introduce yourself to the know-it-all older person who goes off on shpiels about his/her "life experienc-



Ban Anselmino

Columnist

es," which may or may not relate to the topic at hand. Wanna learn a second language? You'll have to contend with the sweaty little white guy who can already speak the language and is only taking the class for credit. Yeah, buena suerte.

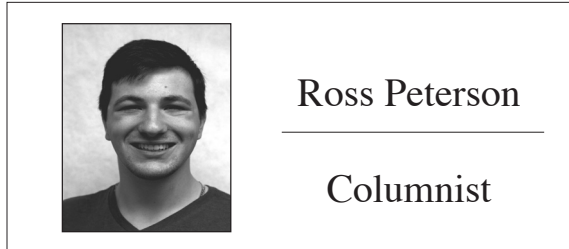
For every Dragon Core class there is the chick who needs to involve every conversation with some crazy experience of her own, or the creepy professor who is always... "looking at you." Politics have the pre-politico who is indefinitely better than all the 'constitu-

ents', even though he's about as real as a Barbie doll.

Philosophy has the student philosopher, and that's about as much as I need to say. Fortunately, there's hope. With the coming flu season, for each class there is about a 1/50 chance that the offender will be knocked out of commission for a few days. If those odds don't sound good enough, you can always try luring them to an ambush with promises of a new club they could be stinking up. However you do it, slap 'em once for me.

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Facebook rules



Ross Peterson

Columnist

Hello! If you are reading this, thank you for your appreciation for your Facebook community. Facebook is a wonderful social networking tool with many benefits, but like all great things, there are a few rules that make sure everyone else is able to enjoy their stay while on Facebook.

Your profile picture is the very first thing the Facebook community looks at. It associates the name with the person, and vice-versa. The profile picture is also perhaps the most important part of your Facebook profile. Since it is especially important for people to correctly identify you as the person who made the profile, Rule #1: Your profile picture must contain the person the profile is profiling. This does not include animated or altered versions of yourself, no matter how realistic it may look. Group photos are tolerated as long as there are less than three people and the person is in plain view.

Your name is very simple. It's who you are! Since it's who you are, Rule #2: Your profile name must be your name. It cannot be a nickname or a made-up name. It's important for people to be able to add you as a friend knowing what your name is.

Your birthday tells people how old you are. It's an interesting fun fact that people want to know for a whole wealth of reasons. Suppose little Timmy here wants to give someone a gift for their birthday, or just wants to figure out when it is so he can wish them a happy birthday when it comes. No matter, he'll just go to the Facebook profile and—oh wait—they didn't list their birthday. Poor little Timmy. Rule #3, post your correct birthday and year.

One of the most intriguing facts that people look at on a Facebook profile is the relationship status. It lets both men and women know who is on or off-limits, and benefits the well-being of the community. Rule #4: If you are single, don't leave your relationship status blank, post it as single. If you are indeed in a relationship, even an open one, you MUST post that you are in the relationship and include the person's name. If the person is not on facebook, type it in anyway. This prevents severe confusion. Don't put, "It's complicated." There is no middle ground! Subnote: Don't place in a fake relationship status or a made-up one to be funny; it's confusing to your fellow Facebookers.

Showing pictures to everyone is a fun activity, but sometimes it can get a little out of hand. When people find out a picture of them is tagged, they expect to see themselves in the picture, rather than a cartoon drawing or smiley face with a caption. Rule #5: Don't tag people if it is not the real person. Moreover, don't comment on photos with an overwhelming number of people, this sends out a notification to everyone in the picture. And usually these comments don't need to be written.

Thank you for reading! I hope this was helpful to you and to others.

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Boston Brass puts a twist on classical

By ANNA GEORGE
A&E Editor

The MSUM Performing Arts Series is back, bringing culturally diverse national and international performers and productions to campus this year.

Starting off 2009's "A World Series" theme is a performance by one of the top brass quintets, Boston Brass. The members of the brass band are Jeff Conner and Jose Sibaja on trumpets, Chris Castellanos on horn, Lance LaDuke on trombone and Andrew Hitz on tuba.

These five men have great stage presence. And the only traditional thing about the band is its group of instruments.

This brass ensemble performs its own arrangements of pop, rock, classic, folk and jazz music all from memory. The members also stand, move and interact with the audience.

"Each member of this quintet is highly trained," said Rebecca Sundet-Schoenwald, assistant to the dean of arts and humanities. "They are incredible; the cream of the crop."

Boston Brass's agent submission was spotted among hundreds by MSUM's artistic director Benjamin Sung and Sundet-Schoenwald.

"I thought it would be a really good fit," Sundet-Schoenwald said. "They also do a lot of educational stuff."

Boston Brass is just as famous for its educational

activities as it is for its music. When visiting MSUM, the members will be spending the afternoon with students from the music department. Pianist David Cutler is going to speak to students from the music departments of all the F-M universities about how to make a living as a musician.

In addition to their own Boston Brass performance, the members of the group will be bringing three other guests with them, presenting a program that's different from what they usually do.

Latina vocalist Talita Real, originally from Brazil but living in Miami, Fla., is part of a group called Los Caprice. Los Caprice was a finalist on MTV's "America's Next Top Pop Group." Also big in Miami, Fla. is Costa Rican drummer Carlomagno Araya. The third artist performing is pianist David Cutler.

"Here's a chance where you get to hear a truly professional, world-class group of musicians," Sundet-Schoenwald said.

Boston Brass has one simple goal: entertain at all costs.

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With "A World Series" just beginning, students have much to look forward to throughout the year.

• Quartetto Gelato, "Where Music Meets Theatre," will humor audiences and fly



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Boston Brass members, left to right, Jose Sibaja, Chris Castellanos, Lance LaDuke, Jeff Conner and Andrew Hitz, hit the stage this Saturday in the Hansen Theatre.

them around the globe with its worldwide theme. Featured music will be virtuosic showpieces, romantic tenor arias and gypsy pyrotechniques.

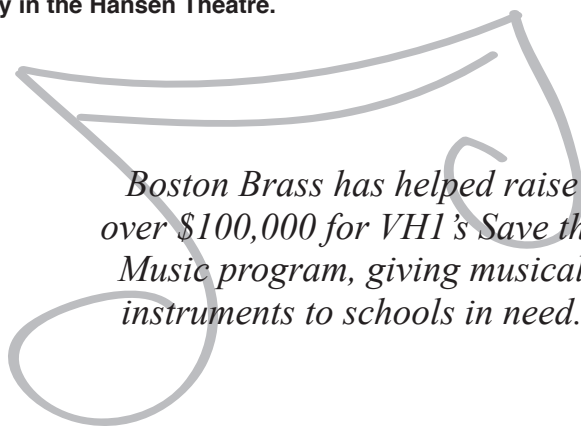
- The Acting Company and the Guthrie Theatre will join to present the tragic young love story of Romeo & Juliet.
- The Ravi Coltrane Quartet will have a variety of jazz lineups, making this performance one for more than just jazz listeners.
- Ragamala Dance Theatre and Wadaiko Ensemble TOKARA will end the year with their rhythmic drumming and unique dancing style.

Each of these performances and productions are open to all ages. The performances are free to all MSUM students, thanks to student activities fees.

For other ticket information, call or visit the MSUM Box Office.

Boston Brass will be performing at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in Hansen Theatre.

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Boston Brass has helped raise over \$100,000 for VHI's Save the Music program, giving musical instruments to schools in need.



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Drummer Carlomagno Araya is one of the three artists that will be accompanying Boston Brass on stage.

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RUGBY

Unique club sport creates fun climate



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Preparing for their first scrimmage, MSUM's rugby team practices their scrum skills. The team is a club sport at MSUM and welcomes newcomers.

By **TIM STULKEN**
Sports Editor

A bunch of ugly, sweaty British guys hurting one another is the image that immediately comes to mind when one thinks of rugby. However,

the MSUM men's rugby team does not look like this at all. In fact, many of the players on the university's club team are rookies who have never participated before. "One of the things that

makes rugby different from other sports on campus is that it is relatively easy to get on the team," senior Josey Fog said. "If you are dedicated and show up for practices you will get to play. We actually got all of this years rookies in the game last week."

According to senior Kody Krautkremer, the team is always looking for new recruits.

"All you need to do to join is show up for practice," Krautkremer said.

The team practices from 4:30-6:30 p.m. three times a week, Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday in the field behind Nemzek.

Fog also said that the sport is unique in the way that it's played. The game involves several different positions and is played like a mix between soccer and football. One interesting rule is that players can only pass the ball backward.

Additionally, rugby requires each team to have 15 men on the field at a time. This allows more people to play.

"Another thing I really like about rugby is the athleticism of it," Fog said. "If someone gets tackled, there are no pads, so you have to be tough."

Krautkremer agreed that rugby creates a fun, aggressively competitive atmosphere.

"It's a competitive sport," he said. "We travel for tournaments and it's really fun."

The team plays against Concordia Saturday, and Fog expects the team to play well.

"It's going to be a fun game," he said. "Concordia is a fun team to play. We're hoping to win."

The team plays Concordia at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Nemzek.

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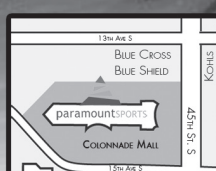
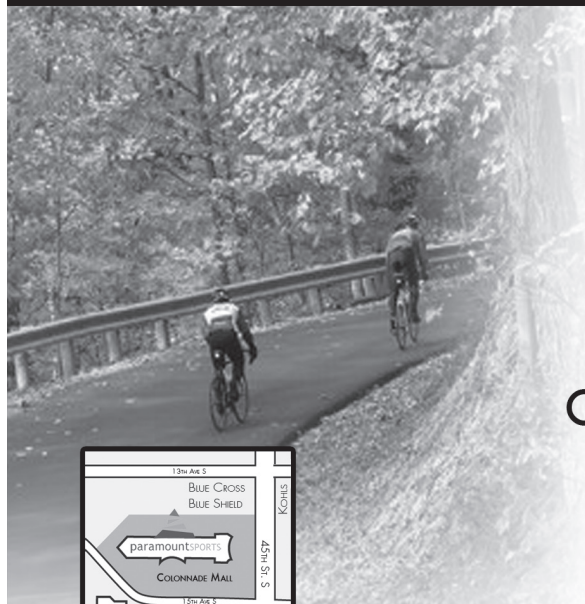


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Homecoming kicks off

Andrew Jason
Staff Writer

Many students need a break from all the studying and homework that goes along with college. That perfect break is coming up tomorrow.

Homecoming officially kicks off Friday, Sept. 18 with the homecoming parade.

This year's homecoming is expected to be the most diverse and fun one yet.

"We're trying to pull everyone into the mix," Athletic Director Doug Peters said. "There's an opportunity for every single student to be involved."

Homecoming is not just a time for students to have a good time and practice school pride, but is also an opportunity to help out worthy causes.

An online auction will be taking place to help out Dragon athletics.

"We put it out for alums and staff," Peters said. However, anybody that wants to participate may be able to.

Listings will include vaca-

tion packages, Dragon apparel and much more, all going to help support the athletic programs.

Students who don't want to support the athletic department still can support their own college. Students can join a team for their own college, athletic program or an undeclared category. The winner will get a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year.

To sign up for your category, go to the homecoming Web site at www.dragon-homecoming.com.

One of the things that many students are excited for is a concert by Johnny Holm at Nemzek field on Thursday, Sept. 24.

"I have to give all the credit for Johnny Holm to the students," Peters said.

Football tailgating will take place before the game against University of Minnesota Crookston, along with a barbecue and many other activities.

"We're getting a group

of people to have a lot of fun before a football game," Peters said.

"Get some friends together and go to all the events," senior Mitch Johnson said. "You meet a lot of cool people because they all have something in common."

All the activities can be viewed at the homecoming Web site.

Peters is already feeling the competitive spirit in this year's homecoming. "I'm going to do some damage to the other deans in the chili cook off," he said.

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Upcoming events:

Friday: Homecoming parade at 4 p.m.

S a t u r d a y : Racquetball tournament at Nemzek, begins at 12 p.m.

Monday: Burning of

The Coke and Pepsi debate

Students share their preferences

"I can't decide. I like Coke as a pop, but I like Aquafina water.

-Chelsea Klaphake



"I prefer Coke because my grand drank it.

-Anthijuan Beeks

"I don't really care either way, I'm a little partial to Mountain Dew and Dr. Pepper.

-Bekah Townsend



"I like Dasani. Coke's been around for so long, it's like an American tradition.

-Ben Omberg

"I'm split. I like Coke because I drink a lot of Diet Coke, but I like Pepsi because of Mountain Dew.

-Samantha Flick



"I like whatever provides Gatorade.

-Ellie Matheson

Writers Series to begin

By MEGAN NITSCHKE
Editor

The 24th annual Tom McGrath Visiting Writers Series will begin today with Todd Boss, a poet who recently published his best-selling poetry book, "Yellowrocket."

The Writers Series is a continuously successful event that brings contemporary writers to read and share their work with students, faculty and the public.

Thom Tamaro, an MSUM English professor, has been involved with organizing the event, and thinks it's important for students to engage in the art and craft of writing.

The series will offer a variety of writers, and will include readings from the authors as

well as a discussion on the craft of writing and a question/answer forum.

"We chose writers that students can respond to based on style and subject matter," Tamaro said.

The first writer, Boss, was chosen for his contemporary style. "[He is] young and has interesting things to say about poetry today," Tamaro said.

Boss said he's eager to bring his work and experience to MSUM. "I'm excited to be a part of this [Writers Series]," he said. "It's a nice asset for the community to have."

The next writer to be featured in the series will appear on Oct. 15. Dean Hulse and Merrie Sue Holtan, both graduates of MSUM's MFA in cre-

ative writing, will give readings on their newly published books.

This semester will wrap up the series on Oct. 21 and 22 with readings from Patricia Hampl, a highly recognized published author.

The Writers Series is supported by a generous grant from the Solomon Comstock Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation and by MSUM alumnus Tom Sand. It's free to students.

Boss' discussion will take place at 4 p.m. today in SMU 101, followed by a reading at 8 p.m.

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Career Services helps students

Jenessa McAllister
Staff Writer

Upon graduation, one thing that can be the most nerve racking is the process of putting together a resume and finding a job. The Career Services Center is a place where students can go for help with anything regarding these anxiety.

The Career Services Center is located in the CMU and offers several great services to students, including advice on declaring a major, finding an internship or a job and perfecting resumes.

This year, the Career Services Center has undergone a few dramatic changes. "Last year our director and assistant director both retired," said Cindy Norberg, career specialist. "With our staff being so reduced, we decided to add student specialists."

Student specialists are trained to provide initial career development assistance and guidance for fellow undergraduate students. The implementation of this position will give students the potential to be

seen immediately or on the same day, as opposed to the previous waiting time of up to three days.

"When we had fewer staff, it was hard to get students in right away. Now it's easy since we have so much additional help," Norberg said. "Student specialists do things like look at students' rough drafts of their resumes, or even help them out with starting a resume."

Emilie DeWitte is a student specialist, and enjoys helping other students. "We give students opportunities for mock interviewing, employer connections via DragonCareers—web-based recruiting and workshops for resumes, interviews and graduate school," DeWitte said.

Dragon Careers is a web-based program that provides a place for students to look for employment, and employers to look for potential employees. Students can post resumes, schedule on-campus interviews and view job and interview listings.

Career Services is something that students of all ages should utilize.

It's important to get started with real-world preparation early on in a college career.

"I have seen too many seniors come in saying, 'I wish I had more time to perfect my resume.' I want students as young as freshmen to come in and take advantage of preparing themselves," Norberg said.

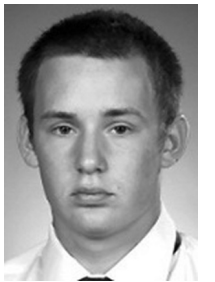
Both Norberg and DeWitte agree that no question is too big or too small for the Career Services Center. "Even if a student has no idea what they're doing, or if they come in with a blank page as a start of a resume, we want them to know that we're here to help," Norberg said.

Career Services will also be providing workshops and information for important upcoming events. Some dates to remember are a graduate and professional school workshop on Sept. 30th and the Tri-College Career and Internship Fair on Nov. 5th.

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Advocate Staff Reports

After many discussions, MSUM officials have stood by their decision to allow freshman quarterback Zach Fry to play on the team.



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He was convicted of a misdemeanor sexual assault charge earlier this year.

Fry, from Milton, Wis., signed on with the Dragons in February.

Fry was accused of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old girl without her consent.

Initially, Fry was charged with a felony, but it was dismissed after he completed the terms of a plea agreement.

Under the terms, Fry had to complete sex offender counseling, serve 40 days in jail with work release, pay restitution of more than \$650 and commit no further crimes.

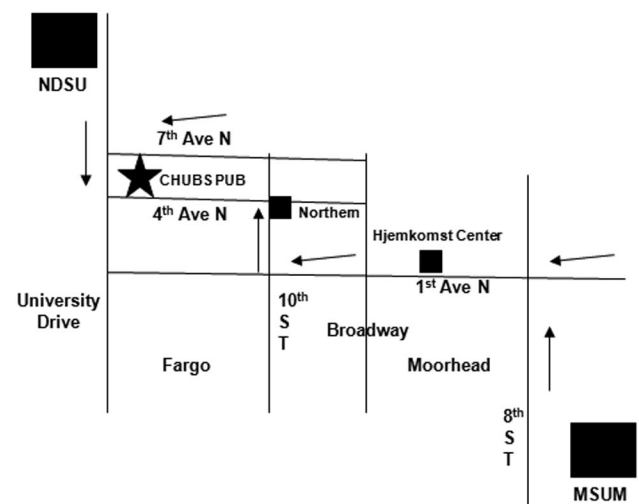
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ATHLETICS, FRONT PAGE of communications that people are using right now," Schroeder said.

Replacing someone with a long history isn't easy.

"It's definitely hard because everyone has that history and tradition with Scotty," Schroeder said. "He is irreplaceable as a person and as a staff member; that's why we are keeping him around to help us with things."

"I am working on a volunteer basis, trying to fill in as needed," Scott said. "I have made contacts over the years and I'm hopeful that I will still be helpful to the school. I have been fortunate over the years to meet a lot of people and those connections I think are important for a lot of things including fundraising."

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Dahl resident killed in car accident

By MEGAN NITSCHKE
Editor

MSUM freshman Nicole Olstad-Werre, 18, of Galesburg, N.D., died in a drunk-driving accident at 2 a.m. Sunday morning outside of her hometown of Hope, N.D.

The head-on collision resulted when Olstad-Werre was driving and a drunk driver coming from the opposite direction crossed the center line, crashing into her vehicle. He was ejected from his car, and her car went into a ditch, immediately setting on fire, according to Abbie Paulseth, the Resident Assistant on her floor in Dahl Hall.

A candlelight ceremony took place yesterday on the campus mall in her memory.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday at Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. The memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Hope Public School.

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Seminar to focus on business for women

Advocate Staff Reports

MSUM and the Small Business Development Center, along with US Bank, will host a Women's Business Seminar on from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in the CMU Ballroom.

Keynote speaker will be Jill Blashack Strahan, founder and CEO of Tastefully Simple. More can be learned about her business at her Web site at <http://www.tastefullysimple.com>.

Just three years into the business, her life was turned upside-down with the death of her brother, then her husband just a few months later. She developed a new appreciation for life and continued to push herself and the business, propelling Tastefully Simple into a \$140 million-plus, award-winning company in the Inc. 500 Hall of Fame.

Recent leadership awards

include the Minneapolis/St. Paul Women in Business Industry Leader Honoree; Minnesota Entrepreneurs, Inc. Entrepreneur of the Year; Twin Cities Business Hall of Fame; and Inc. magazine's list of CEO All-Stars, among others.

The seminar also features presentations on "Structuring Your Business" with Bart McIlonie, Tax Law Office; "Financing Your Business" with Valerie Benson, US Bank; a roundtable discussion with Shanna Lee, Shannalee, Inc.; Jessica Hoppe, US Bank; Candace Dietz, Preference Personnel; Krista Andrews, Anderson, Bottrell, Sanden &

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